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IGNORE PANIC TALK!

PREMIER HAPPIER ABOUT THE SITUATION

NOTHING WRONG!

SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES THAT MUST BE OVERCOME

The Premier, on arrival at Lossiemouth, in an interview, gave the country an inspiring and reassuring message.

Britain was, at present, faced by special difficulties which she had to overcome. But there was nothing radically wrong with her. That was the gist of his message.

KEEP YOUR HEADS, BRITONS!

London, Yesterday.
"I am very much happier about the situation," said Mr. Ramsay MacDonald on his arrival at Lossiemouth.

The Prime Minister, who appeared in good spirits, added: "The country must not listen to panic-stricken talk. There is nothing wrong with the country. There are, of course, special difficulties, which have to be overcome. This means we will have to reduce National expenditure, but reductions will fall on all classes, not on one."

According to present arrangements, Mr. MacDonald will return to London on Sunday.—Reuter.

Speculation Rife.

Rugby, Yesterday.
There is much speculation, in and out of the Press, as to the ultimate form of the proposals which Government will make in furtherance of its determination to balance the Budget. Stress is laid on the general principle which the Economy Committee of the Cabinet has laid down, that measures should call for equal sacrifice by all sections of the community.

Rumours.

In this connection, various schemes for providing for new sources of income, such as taxes on wages and salaries and on incomes from fixed interest bear-

ing securities, are rumoured and discussed.

Treat With Reserve.

It should, therefore, be emphasised that premature forecasts of Government's intention should be treated with reserve.

Only Preliminary Survey.

The Special Committee of the Cabinet, at its meetings this week, has made what is necessarily only a preliminary examination, and the ideas which emerged were of a general nature only.

These are, at present, in the hands of Treasury Officials and it is hoped that the result of their study will enable the broad outlines of certain definite proposals to be laid before the Cabinet Committee on Monday evening.

All Parties to Co-operate.

It is anticipated that the Committee's deliberations on Monday and Tuesday will carry the proposals to a stage at which it will be desirable to bring them before the next meeting of the Cabinet on Wednesday. It is also expected that Leaders of other political parties—whose co-operation it is hoped will be forthcoming to secure the rapid passage of the necessary measures, through a special meeting of Parliament which will probably be summoned next month—will be informed of the scope of the proposed legislation towards the end of next week, but full responsibility for any measures adopted will, of course, be borne solely by the Government.—British Wireless Service.

A SCHOOLGIRL ON LOVE AND LIFE.

Extracts from Diary Read in Court.

INSPIRE WORST FEELINGS.

Extracts from a schoolgirl's diary were read during the hearing of a case at Marylebone Police Court recently.

Leonard George Irvine, a medical student, of Recreation Road, Sydenham, was summoned by his second cousin, Miss Agnes Edwyna Russell, a music student, of Crawford Street, Marylebone, who alleged that he was the father of her child, born on March 29 last.

Mr. W. Elliott Batt, counsel for Miss Russell, said that the parties were of some social position. The complainant came from India in 1928 to study music in Britain. She met the defendant, and a friendship grew up between them. There was some talk of marriage.

Miss Russell, questioned by Mr. Cotes-Predy, K.C., who, with Mr. J. W. Morris, appeared for the defendant, said that she had left India at the house of the defendant's mother, agreed that the diary indicated her life at a Quaker

school in the North of England, but said that it was highly coloured.

"Terribly Young."

It was true, she said, that she wrote about a dentist: "When I was going to hit his hand on my shoulder and his arm was round me, and he sort of drew me to him." She was only 20 and "terribly young" when she wrote that.

The dentist treated her as a child.

She also wrote that a man made love to her on the way home from a dance, and explained that she expected to think that making love was simply putting an arm around a person.

Later she wrote, "I always seem to inspire the very worst feelings in a man." She wrote that, she added, after a French boy had kissed her. She had been reading a stated in yesterday's *China Mail*.

It was explained that Captain Osborne took the ship to Shanghai on the last trip from Hong Kong and handed over charge to Captain Hendry at the Northern port.

Captain Osborne, it was stated, is now on his way home on furlough.

CONTROL OF THE HAWKERS.

Itinerant Licence Now Doubled.

TRADE RESTRICTED.

The following regulations have been made by the Governor in Council:—

The regulations relating to hawkers set forth on page 117 and 118 of the Regulations of Hong Kong, 1844-1925, are further amended as follows:—

(1) by the insertion in regulation 1, next before the paragraph commencing "Nothing in these regulations," of the following paragraph:—

The trade of every licensed hawker is strictly limited to the class of his licence; for instance the holder of a hawker's itinerant licence, a hawker's stallholder's licence or a hawker's (native craft) licence, may not carry on his trade on any steamship.

(2) by the rescission of regulation 2 and the substitution therefor of the following regulation:—

2. The annual fee for a hawker's itinerant licence shall be \$4 except in any case where the sale of cigarettes and/or tobacco is permitted, when the fee shall be \$8.

The annual fee for a hawker's (native craft) licence shall be \$4.

Such fees shall be payable to the Inspector General of Police on the date on which the licence is granted.

Every licence shall expire on September 30 following the date when it is granted.

(3) by the rescission of the provision in regulation 4 which commences "Provided that" and ends "shall be payable."

[Note.—The rescinded regulation 2 and the proviso referred to in amendment (3) made provision for proportionate part of the fee for part of a year in certain cases.]

S.S. KWONG SANG.

No News Has Yet Been Received.

CAPTAIN HENDRY IN CHARGE.

Upon inquiry at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., managers of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., a *China Mail* representative was informed at 11.30 this morning that no news had been received in Hong Kong concerning the s.s. Kwong Sang.

In view of a rumour yesterday that the master of the Kwong Sang was Captain Osborne, our representative made especial inquiry on this point and was informed that the Kwong Sang was in the charge of Captain Hendry as stated in yesterday's *China Mail*.

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S.S. WAI SHING.

No Hope of Salvage.

With regard to the s.s. Wai Shing, also of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., now aground in Nam Kwan harbour, the *China Mail* representative was informed this morning that there was little hope of salvaging her, and she is expected to sink at any moment.

All the Chinese crew have already been removed, only the European officers remaining on the ship.

TONNAGE OF SHIPS.

UNIFORM RULES PREPARED.

BRITISH SYSTEM

AVOIDING DISPARITY.

London, Yesterday.

The introduction of uniform rules for tonnage measurement of ships the world over is likely to be achieved shortly as the result of the work of the Technical Committee on Maritime Tonnage Measurement (appointed by the Communications and Trade Organisation of the League of Nations) which has been sitting at Folkestone.

The Committee has approved of the text of a detailed draft of

TYPHOON COMING?

The No. 1 signal (Red T) signifying that a depression or typhoon exists, which may possibly affect the locality, was hoisted at 9.20 o'clock this morning.

This means that a typhoon is threatening the Colony.

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HANKOW UNDER WATER.

Newspapers Cease Publication.

SIX INCHES RISE PREDICTED.

Shanghai, To-day.

A message from Hankow received yesterday stated that the water was still rising and both the Foreign newspapers had ceased publication owing to their plants being flooded out.

It is also a case of touch and go with the powerstation. Part of Messrs. Brunner-Mond's godown collapsed this morning.

A six inch rise is predicted for to-night.—Reuter.

BANK MURDER IN GLASGOW.

New Theory Advanced by Police.

AMERICAN ROBBERS?

London, Yesterday.

The Glasgow Police state they are no longer trying to trace the three alleged deserters from the Cameronian Regiment in connection with the Bank Murder.

They are now said to be following up another line of enquiry, and the suggestion that the dastardly crime was perpetrated by American bank robbers is strengthening.—Reuter.

SOVIET PETROL FOR URUGUAY.

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EXCHANGE SCHEME.

Monte Video, Yesterday.

Uruguayan authorities are seriously considering exchanging breeding animals, hides and other animal products for cheap Russian petrol of which the Soviet is offering unlimited quantities at a price

of under three pence a gallon making the price to the consumer about 5½d. a gallon.—Reuter's American Service.

A renewal of the fight is certain if the Round Table Conference does not grant Nationalist demands, and this time the struggle will be more intensive and more extensive than ever.—Reuter.

LOAN GRANTED TO HUNGARY.

The Contract Signed for £5,000,000.

TREASURY BONDS.

Paris, Yesterday.

The contract for the International Loan of £5,000,000 to Hungary was signed to-day at the Hungarian Legation here. It takes the form of

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YORKSHIRE RUNNING AWAY WITH THE CHAMPIONSHIP

KENT REVIVAL, TOO LATE.

MIDDLESEX AMATEURS PLAY HAVOC WITH WARWICKSHIRE BOWLING

WENSLEY DISMISSES GLOUCESTER CHEAPLY.

London, Yesterday.
Yorkshire have to all intents and purposes won the County Championship this season and no one will begrudge them their success. They have proved to be the best balanced side in the competition and, possessing a tactical skipper in F. E. Greenwood, the side has proved irresistible. Their bowling has been of an exceptionally high standard with Verity and Bowes largely responsible for the dismissal of opposing elevens for low scores. To-day this pair gave Yorkshire an overwhelming victory over Glamorganshire.

Kent, who started the season in such dashing style that they were instantly acclaimed to be the "hope" of the South, fizzled out of Championship running half way through the season and their recent displays of returning form are now too belated to offer the White Rose any really formidable opposition.

Middlesex after batting through the rain-curtailed match against Warwickshire at Lord's compiled the useful total of 408 for 7, but, when the fact that 323 runs were scored by E. T. Killick and Greville Stevens is taken into consideration, the batting on the whole must have been very rugged. In scoring 117 Stevens registered his third century of the season and his second against Warwickshire. He scored 170 not out against their attack at Edgbaston. Killick's double century was his first big score of the season.

Wensley was largely responsible for the check Gloucestershire sustained at Cheltenham for he claimed 8 wickets for 53 out of a total of 104.

Full results as cabled by Reuter

were as follow:—

Yorkshire beat Glamorganshire

by an innings and 120 runs at Scarborough.

Scores:—

Yorkshire: 378

Glamorgan: 105 (Verity 5 for 62)

163 (Bowes 7 for 71).

Kent beat Hampshire by 103 runs

at Portsmouth.

Scores:—

Kent: 235 and 214.

Hampshire: 118 and 218 (Freeman

5 for 112, C. S. Marriot 5 for 64).

Surrey took first innings points

from Worcestershire at Worcester.

Scores:—

Surrey: 236 (Brook 5 for 79),

81 for one wicket.

Worcester: 185.

Sussex took first innings points

from Gloucestershire at the College

ground, Cheltenham.

Scores:—

Gloucester: 104 (Wensley 8 for 58)

3 for one wicket.

Sussex: 173 (Hammond 5 for 68).

Notts took first innings points

from Leicestershire at Trent Bridge

Nottingham.

Scores:—

Notts: 269 and 171 for 7.

Leicester 129 (Larwood 6 for 49).

Middlesex drew with Warwickshire at Lord's.

Scores:—

Middlesex: 408 for 7 (E. T. Killick

206, G. T. S. Stevens 117).

Somersetshire beat Northamptonshire by nine wickets at Weston-Super-Mare.

Scores:—

Northants: 99 and 164.

Somerset: 235 and 29 for 1.

Century List.

The following have scored centuries in the County Championship competition this season:—

Holmes (Yorkshire v. Warwick) 250

Holmes (Yorkshire v. Notts) 183

Holmes (Yorkshire v. Lancashire) 125

Hendren (Middlesex v. Notts) 232

Hendren (Middlesex v. Warwick) 189

Hendren (Middlesex v. Sussex) 109

Hendren (Middlesex v. Warwick) 117

Hendren (Middlesex v. Notts) 100

Hobbs (Yorkshire v. Kent) 230

Hobbs (Yorkshire v. Lancashire) 195

Sutcliffe (Yorkshire v. Leicester) 187

Sutcliffe (Yorkshire v. Somerset) 183

Sutcliffe (Yorkshire v. Warwick) 129

Sutcliffe (Yorkshire v. Middlesex) 120

Sutcliffe (Yorkshire v. Hampshire) 107

E. T. Killick (Middlesex v. Warwick) 206

Parks (H.) (Sussex v. Essex) 209

Woolley (Kent v. Yorkshire) 188

Woolley (Kent v. Northants) 183

Woolley (Kent v. Lancs) 108

Woolley (Kent v. Warwick) 103*

Sandham (Surrey v. Glamorgan) 175

Sandham (Surrey v. Somers) 181

Sandham (Surrey v. Hampshire) 100*

G. T. S. Stevens (Middlesex v.

Warwick) 170*

G. T. S. Stevens (Middlesex v.

Warwick) 117

G. T. S. Stevens (Middlesex v.

Warwick) 100

Shepherd (Surrey v. Essex) 167*

Shepherd (Surrey v. Warwick) 140

Hopwood (Lancashire v. Surrey) 165*

Hopwood (Lancashire v. Warwick) 126*

Verity (Surrey v. Essex) 157*

Verity (Surrey v. Warwick) 140*

Verity (Surrey v. Lancs) 107*

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EASIER GOLF

by
H. STUART HOBSON



"AGGREGATES" AS A VARIATION ON THE FOUR-BALL.

A STRENUEOUS GAME.

Talks with golfers recently have convinced me that there is need for a better team game than the four-ball.

Four-ball matches are an excellent diversion, but they do not demand the best of golf. Many golfers appreciate the "Leave it to you, partner!" attitude that is possible in a four-ball when a hole is being played badly. They say, probably truly as far as they are concerned, that lack of responsibility helps their golf because they are under no temptation to press.

Under Pressure.

Good golf, however, is only good golf when it is played under pressure.

We all swing perfectly when there is no ball to be hit—and there are a number of golfers who produce their best shots when there is no urgent reason for producing them.

The golfer who reaches the top flight of the game, however, is invariably, without any exception, the man who pulls out "one from the locker" when he is hard pressed, and when only a superb shot will keep him in the match.

Four-Ball Game.

Whatever the benefits of the four-ball, it does not encourage this kind of golf.

Undoubtedly there are players who pull out the exceptional shot in a four-ball in order to save their side, but, too often, the man who has played four and sees his partner lying three does not trouble with his shot. He is content to leave it to the partner.

It has always been something of a mystery to me why golfers do not take more kindly to foursomes.

Foursomes.

From the golf-club point of view it is a perfect game—quicker even than a match, for the second pair are waiting down the fairway while the others are driving off the tee. Where there is difficulty in accommodating all the golfers, who wish to play over a course at a given time, the foursome is valuable in "speeding-up" the game.

One lament about the foursome is that it does not give so much exercise as the four-ball, as the player hits only half the number of shots.

The exercise in golf, however, is not only in hitting the ball, and by the time a player is finishing his second round of the day, he is probably not urgently feeling the need of exercise!

TRIANGULAR PING PONG TOURNEY.

Another Challenge Cup Is Donated.

LADIES' INTERPORT.

Thanks to the keen co-operation of the Committee of the Hong Kong Ping Pong League and the generous support of Miss K. H. Lo, manager of the South China Ladies' Department, a Ladies' Triangular Interport Ping Pong match between Canton, Macao, and Hong Kong is being arranged.

Mr. Ho Sai-lu, the Honorary President of the Ping Pong League has kindly consented to present another handsome silver challenge cup for the winners in memory of his loving mother, the late Mrs. Ho Chak-sang.

LAWN BOWLS.

The following will represent the Club de Recreio in their bowls match to-day:

1st Team versus Police Recreation Club on P.R.C. green at 8.30 p.m.—

A. S. Gomes, R. R. Roberts, L. C. R. Souza, and R. F. Luz (Skip).

D. R. A. C. Basto, C. A. L. Loues, A. C. V. Ribeiro, and C. G. Silva (Skip).

C. H. Basto, A. H. Basto, C. E. Marques, and L. A. Gutierrez (Skip).

2nd Team versus Civil Service Cricket Club on Recreio green at 8.30 p.m.—

E. L. Barros, J. M. S. Rosario, A. E. S. Alves, and J. G. Ozorio (Skip).

F. A. Xavier, J. M. M. Alves, J. J. Basto, and F. V. Ribeiro (Skip).

L. F. Xavier, F. A. Machado, H. Rozeiro, and F. X. M. Silva (Skip).



SEASON'S BOXING PROSPECTS.

TWO TITLE FIGHTS?

Atkey Seeking Fight with Rowles.

CRICHTON AND EWIN.

By "Jab."

Although it is perhaps a little early yet to discuss boxing prospects in the Colony for the coming season, it is good to learn that Mr. J. Brook, popular manager of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, who keeps a very watchful eye on new arrivals in the Colony, has managed to spot quite a lot of talent which is expected to make an early appearance in the local ring.

There is a probability of at least two title bouts already. A welterweight of repute in A. B. Warnes, of H.M.S. Tarantula, only awaits the call to action, having expressed his desire to take on the best men at his weight, out this way. Warnes is no mean opponent, either. He was the runner-up in his class for the Amateur Championship of Britain in 1930, and in the same year won the Imperial Services title. He has appeared with success at the National Sporting Club in London, and other well-known boxing centres.

The Opposition.

Warnes will not lack opponents to show his wares, as Signor Stomme Morris is still on the Station, willing to meet all comers. Stomme is the hero of a good many hard battles out here, and presents a tough position to anyone.

Then, "Jock" Begbie, who is capable of taking and giving plenty of hard knocks, is also in fighting trim, as witness his recent successes in Japan. Fans will recall his plucky battles with "Jock" Crichton and Morris, and may recall that lightning-quick hook which came as such surprise to Crichton in their encounter last season.

Ewin May Be Back.

As to Crichton, he seems to be going great guns again, after what looked like a temporary loss of form. It is probable that he can be accommodated with a match here if he so desires.

Added to that, it is learned that Seaman Harry Ewin, the Colony's reigning middleweight champion, is likely to be back before long, so that the list looks highly promising.

New Light-Heavy.

Another newcomer with a good reputation is A. B. Atkey, of H.M.S. Seaweed. Atkey is a light-heavy, said to be the possessor of a truly terrific punch before which many good men have gone down to defeat. Home critics think very highly of him, and regard him as a coming man. He is said to be one of the best heavyweights out of Wales for a long period.

Atkey, of course, has his eyes on a match with Harry Rowles, now up North in H.M.S. Medway, for a title bout in the Colony. As Rowles is himself a wicked hitter, and a fighter who seems positively to thrive on punishment, the meeting of the pair, if it can be arranged, should be worth going a long way to see.

Rowles has not had the opportunity to appear before Hong Kong fans for quite a while now, and has been spoiling for a bout with someone. Atkey seems to promise him all the excitement he desires. Both men are very tough and strong, and should provide the fight of the season.

Bright Prospects.

Mr. Brook has a number of other good boys under observation, and it is safe to say that the standard of boxing in Hong Kong during the coming season will be well up to that of last year, which was generally voted an outstanding one.

Incidentally, Mr. Brook is always glad to hear from any boy who would like a bout, and will do his best to get him a good match.

LORD LONSDALE TO ECONOMISE.

Stable of Thirty Horses Cut Down to Six.

London, Yesterday.

On grounds of economy Lord Lonsdale, the famous sportsman who, at one time, kept a racing stable of thirty horses, has now decided to cut it down to a bare half dozen horses—Ruter.

SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET SENSATION

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

SCHMELING SPEAKS OF HIS CHALLENGERS.

FRANCE'S PREDICAMENT

The news that the Old Harrovian F.C. have "ceased to function," and that as a consequence there will only be 15 contestants for the "Arthur Dunn" Challenge Cup in 1931-32, will be received with regret in Old Boy football circles.

It cannot be said that the announcement is in the nature of a surprise, writes Amasco, for it may be remembered that last Autumn the club had to give the Old Fosters a walk-over in the opening round, and that in 1929-30 they scratched to the Old Salopians.

The Old Harrovians were one of the original entries when the competition was instituted for the season 1902-03, and were regular contestants, except for one post-war series, but they never reached the semi-final stage. Their latest honour, secretary was the Cambridge Cricket and Soccer "Blue," C. T. Bennett, who has acted as an officer of the Casuals F.C. and kept goal for them.

Maxwell, the Brighton College captain, is displaying brilliant form at the moment, and has now accomplished the feat of scoring over a thousand runs this season. Following his innings of 185 not out against Lancing College—his highest of the season—he hit 104 of the ball turned ten yards to another Lincolnshire fieldsmen at mid-on, who completed the catch.

Dodds had to receive medical attention, but he recovered sufficiently to be able to bat in the latter part of Lincolnshire's innings.

How Max Schmeling rates his problematical heavy-weight championship opponents:

Sharkey—A good boxer but not a hard enough hitter to hurt me.

Carnera—Formidable in size and punching power, but lacking in boxing skill.

Loughran—The best boxer to-day, but lacks a punch.

Walker—Has everything but size. A true champion at his weight. The rest don't matter!

The running of holiday camps for greyhounds is providing many farmmen this Summer with a subsidiary business which they are finding very profitable.

Greyhounds, like their owners, on a match with Harry Rowles, now up North in H.M.S. Medway, for a title bout in the Colony. As Rowles is himself a wicked hitter, and a fighter who seems positively to thrive on punishment, the meeting of the pair, if it can be arranged, should be worth going a long way to see.

Rowles has not had the opportunity to appear before Hong Kong fans for quite a while now, and has been spoiling for a bout with someone. Atkey seems to promise him all the excitement he desires. Both men are very tough and strong, and should provide the fight of the season.

Bright Prospects.

Mr. Brook has a number of other good boys under observation, and it is safe to say that the standard of boxing in Hong Kong during the coming season will be well up to that of last year, which was generally voted an outstanding one.

Incidentally, Mr. Brook is always glad to hear from any boy who would like a bout, and will do his best to get him a good match.

Complete boycott of next year's Currie Cup tournament, which corresponds in some measure to the English County Championship, is the sensational announcement made by the Transvaal Cricket Board, which will be remembered for their well-known "sack the lot" resolution that caused such a stir during the English tour of South Africa last year.

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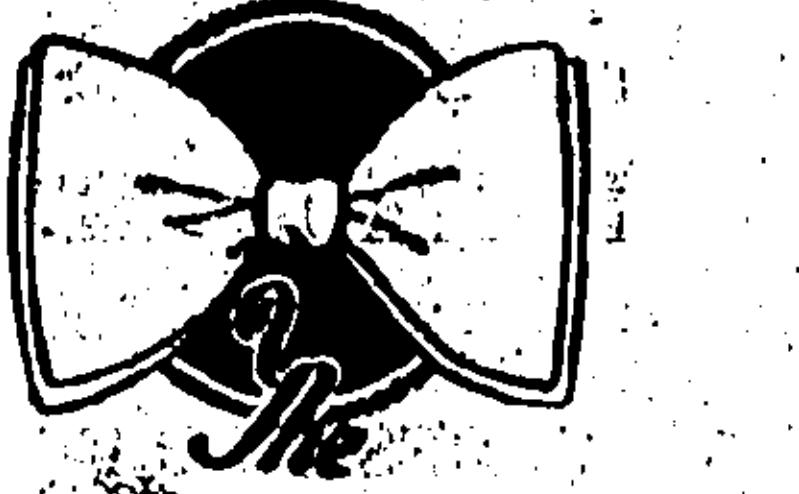
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VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Orders for the Coming Week.

LECTURE ON MONDAY.

Orders by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, are issued as under:

PARADES.

Corps Band. The Band will parade for Band Practices at Headquarters on the following dates:

August 17, 20, and 24.

These are very important practices and must be taken advantage of.

Battery.

There will be a lecture by Captain S. E. G. Ponder, M.C., R.A. on Monday at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters. N.C.O.s especially are requested to attend.

Corps Signals.

Musketry practices will be fired at the Peak Range. Firing will commence at 9.30 a.m. Uniform is optional but equipment must be worn. It is requested that all members of the Corps Signals attend. These are practices preliminary to classification.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section. There will be a parade at Headquarters on Monday at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

Instructors Class parade at Headquarters on Friday at 5.30 p.m.

Machine Gun Company.

Parade—Tuesday, "D" Section, No. 2 Platoon, Elementary Machine Gun Training under the Adjutant and Captain E. J. R. Mitchell.

N.C.O.s under Sergeant C. E. M. Terry. Fire Control.

Recruits under C. S. M. Slattery.

Portuguese Company. All N.C.O.s will attend the N.C.O.s examination at Headquarters on Fridays, August 21, 28, and September 4.

The Officers commanding the undesignated units will issue their Orders separately to their commands:

1.—Engineer Company.

2.—Machine Gun Troop.

Amendment.

Corps Orders No. 33/31 of 7.8.31 Para 3 "Machine Gun Company" should read "Machine Gun Troop."

Struck Off The Strength.

Having completed 3 Years' Service—No. 1131, Pte. G. A. Ribeiro. No. 10 Platoon, as from 14.8.31.

Transferred to Another Port—No. 785 Gar. M. D. Scott, Battery, as from 14.8.31 and No. 786 Gar. G. D. Mead, Battery, as from 14.8.31.

Leave.

2nd Lieut. J. H. Lawrence, No. 9 Platoon, granted 3 weeks' leave from 6.8.31 to 27.9.31.

No. 669 Pte. M. Nicholson, Reserve Company, granted 6 months' leave from 8.8.31 to 7.2.32.

(Sgd) W. H. G. GOATER, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

NOTICE.

Result of the Semi-Final of the Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament, 1931.

H.K.V.D.C. R.A.O.C. points, points.

L/Cpl. M. A. Baptista 200
L/Cpl. A. P. Silva 200
Pte. L. Lima 200
Pte. E. A. V. Remedios 200
L/Cpl. J. D. Remedios 200
L/Sgt. J. C. Remedios 183
Sgt. F. P. Sequeira 156
Pte. M. M. Silva 200Total 1,539 1,260
The following letter has been received from Chairman Command Billiards Committee.

August 13, 1931.

Soldiers' Club Billiards Tournament.

Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Dear Sir.—The final of the above Tournament will take place at the Soldiers' Club at 6 p.m. on August 20 and 21, four games each night.

The presentation of trophies will be made by Brigadier F. H. Burnell-Nugent, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commanding the British Troops in China, at the conclusion of the last game on Friday, 21st inst.

If any of your members would like to attend they will be very welcome—Yours, etc.,

(Sgd.) P. T. MAHONY.

Lieut. R. E.

Chairman Command Billiards Committee.

The final will be H.K.V.D.C. v. The Prison Staff.

TWO NEW KINGS IN ARABIA

Sons to Rule in Hejaz and Nejd.

A DAMASCUS REPORT.

Damascus, July 8. The newspaper *Organ de Liberaux*, which is close to the Hejaz Legation, reports that King Ibn Saud of the Hejaz and Nejd intends to abdicate in favour of his two sons, of whom one Saud, now Viceroy of Nejd, will be proclaimed King of Nejd, while the other, Feisal, who is Viceroy of Mecca, is expected to ascend the throne of Hejaz.

Abdul Aziz II Ibn Saud, G.C.I.E., was proclaimed King in Mecca on January 8, 1926 under the style King of the Hejaz and Sultan (in 1927 changed to King) of Nejd and its dependencies. He has placed his State (the complete independence of which was recognised by Great Britain in 1927) in a dominant position among the States of Arabia. The dual character of his realm is reflected in the maintenance of two capitals at Mecca and Riyadh. His administration as regards the Kingdom of Nejd and its dependencies is simple and of a patriarchal character without Ministers of State or other imitations of Western Europe. The administration of the Kingdom of the Hejaz, however, as set forth in a Constitution issued in August 1926, is controlled by the King acting through an agent-general at Mecca.

The story of Ibn Saud's fight to accession of the thrones of the Hejaz and Nejd is a long and interesting one. At the end of the nineteenth century the Wahhabis of Nejd formed part of the domains of the Emirate of Jabal Shammar, which, in the reign of Muhammad Ibn Rashid, had, by crushing the rival dynasty of Ibn Saud, established itself as the dominant power in Central Arabia. The surviving representatives of the Ibn Saud dynasty were in exile at Kuwait. In 1901, however, Abdul Aziz II Ibn Saud, then a youth of 20 and the representative of a cadet branch of his dynasty, recovered the Wahhabis capital of Riyadh from the Rashidi forces by a bold stroke and by 1905, when Abdul Aziz bin Rashid, (the suc-

cessor of Muhammad bin Rashid) was killed in battle, had largely re-established the position of his dynasty throughout the territory ruled by his grandfather, Faisal Ibn Saud. In 1912 he initiated the Wahhabis revival which has since produced such far-reaching results and in 1914 he wrested the Haifa province from the Turks. During the war he, like the Grand Sherif of Mecca, allied himself with Great Britain, but after a failure against Ibn Rashid, who was in alliance with the Turks, in January 1915, he played no active part in the war until 1918, when a renewal of his activities against Ibn Rashid met with no substantial success. The claim on the part of Emir Hussein to the oasis of Khirbat as belonging to the Hejaz then precipitated a conflict of far-reaching consequences in which Hussein was allied with Ibn Rashid, the Amir of Jabal Shammar (who apart from the traditional enmity of the Rashid and Saud dynasties, had every reason to desire to assist Ibn Saud for the latter's activities against him during the Great War). Ibn Saud, with characteristic vigour, did not allow himself to rest content with mere defiance and in 1919 the Arabian war may be said to have started in earnest. An attempt under British auspices at the beginning of 1924 to compose the differences between Ibn Saud and the Sherifian rulers of the Hejaz, Transjordan and Iraq broke down and in September of that year a Wahhabis force appeared before Taif, the Summer

capital of the Hejaz, whose garrison fled leaving the town an easy prey to the invaders. Shortly afterwards the Hashimite troops were attacked and defeated at Haifa. King Hussein having abdicated, his successor, Ali moved his seat of government to Jeddah and in October 1924 the Wahhabis entered Mecca without opposition for the second time in their history. Ibn Saud himself arrived in the city on December 5 and for the first time in his life performed the customary rites in the Great Mosque. King Ali remained behind the walls of Jeddah until the end of 1925, when he abdicated and in January 1926 Ibn Saud was proclaimed King.

Ibn Saud (who is 49 years of age) has thirteen surviving sons of whom the prospective ruler of Nejd is 26, and Feisal, prospective King of the Hejaz is 24.



DOROTHY MACKAIL is due soon at the Majestic Theatre in the talkie picture "Hard to Get" in which she is co-starred with Jack Oakie. Miss Mackail has figured in numerous fine productions, including "Man in Trouble" and "Once a Sinner."

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NOTE ISSUES

Official Monthly Returns.

The returns of the average amount of banknotes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hong Kong, during the month ended July 31, 1931, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks is as follows:

	Average Banks Amount	Specie in Reserve
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$22,976,529	\$2,300,000
Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	130,162,621	112,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	8,810,650	1,350,000
Total	\$156,058,600	\$121,650,000

* In addition Sterling Securities are deposited with the "Crown Agents" valued at £1,831,700.
† In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at £3,078,000.
§ In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £180,000.

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	Aug. 18	Aug. 19	Aug. 20	Aug. 21
West River at Shihching	20.2	21.1	21.1	21.1
North River at Sanshui	7.2	8.6	8.6	8.6
East River at Tsingyuen	11.2	12.0	12.0	12.0
East River at Shekung	20.3	20.8	20.8	20.8

The highest levels recorded are: Shihching, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Sanshui, 27.8 feet; Shekung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Sanshui and minus 2.7 feet at Shekung.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday, August 13. KIUNGCHOW, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. W. J. Larler, from Canton, buoy No. B9—B & S.

Friday, August 14. BONUS, Norwegian str., 4,490 tons, Capt. A. Neilsen, from Manila, Stonecutters Anchorage.

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DELAGON MARU, Japanese str., 3,773 tons, Capt. H. Takasu, from Hankow, buoy No. A3—N.Y.K.

HOSANG, British str., 3,293 tons, Capt. M. Costello, from Kobe, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

RAJPUTANA, British str., 9,454 tons, Capt. H. M. Jack, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

RYUJIN MARU, Japanese str., 901 tons, Captain N. Kitano, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

SOLVIKEN, Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. Norvalds, from Canton, buoy No. A4—Sing Kee.

SUN KONG, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Leung Pat, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—W. Hop & Co.

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WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:

CARADOC—West wall.

CICADA—South wall.

ODIN—East wall.

OTUS—East wall.

SERAPH—North arm.

SERAPIS—North arm.

STORMCLOUD—North wall.

TAMAR—Basin.

TARANTULA—North wall.

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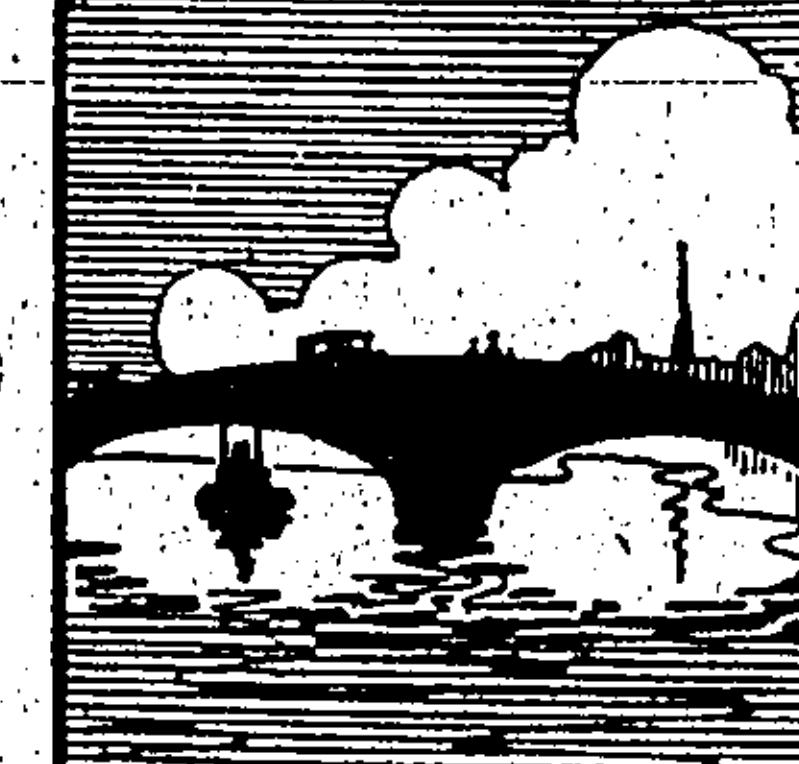
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August 14 to 20, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Standard Times	Stand. Ht.	Stand. Ht.	Standard Times
August	H. M.	F.	H. M.	F.
Fri. 14	04 14	80	04 16	31
	13 00	47	16 10	*
Sat. 15	10 00	80	03 15	28
	22 28	48	18 55	02
Sun. 16	10 48	77	24 08	27
Mon. 17	00 00	51	04 02	02
	11 26	74	14 10	11
Tues. 18	0 39	58	03 49	24
	12 16	44	18 45	17
Wed. 19	1 11	55	05 53	23
	13 42	56	19 51	21
Thurs. 20	1 49	56	09 15	2
	14 30	44	19 65	65

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Empress of Canada	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 31
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 26	Nov. 28
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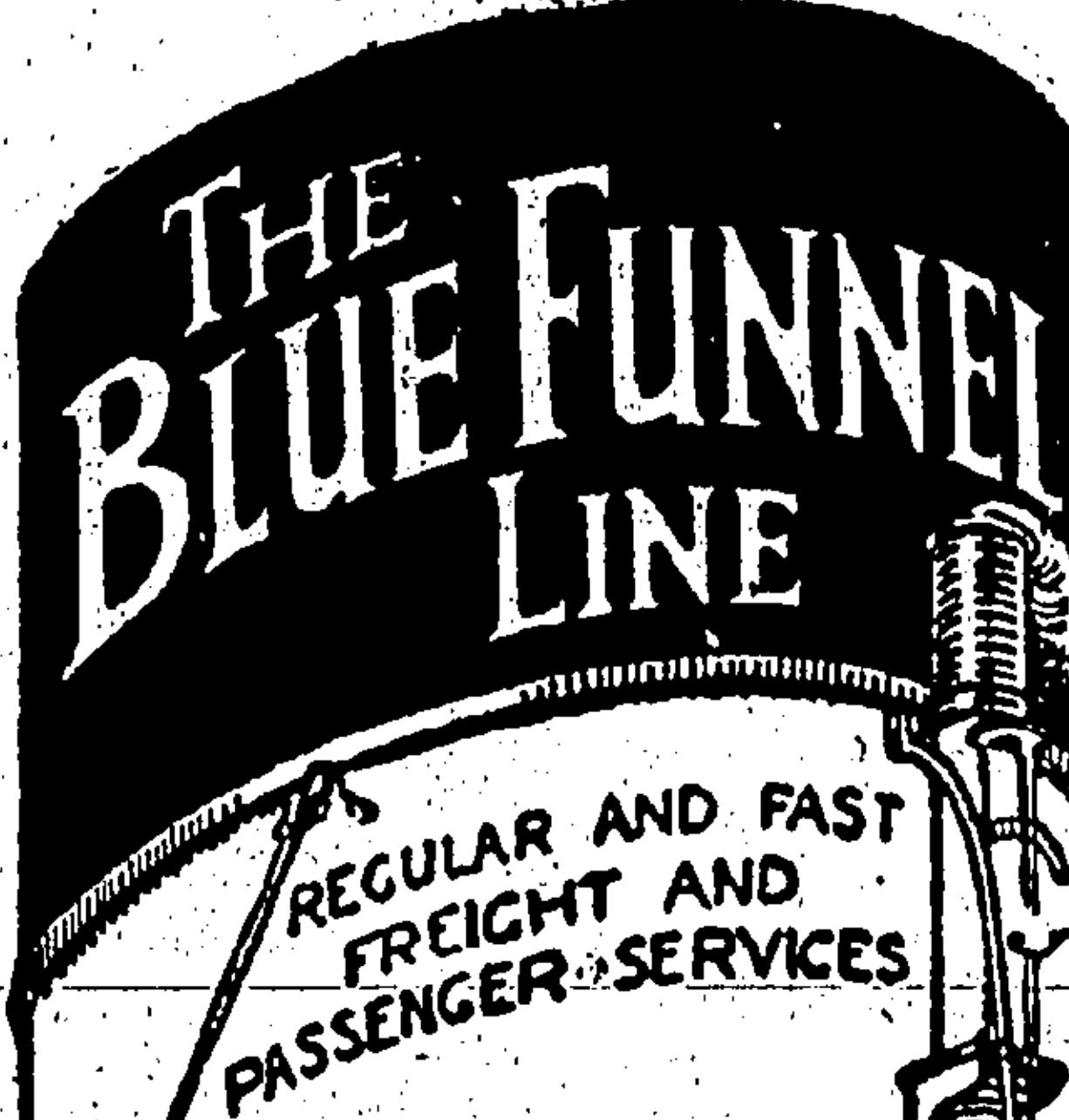
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ATLANTIC ICEBERGS

Their Origin and Career.

The polar ice that at certain times of the year haunts the western North Atlantic and menaces shipping is of two distinct sources of origin, although in popular language any piece of ice seen by a traveller in the North Atlantic is spoken of as an iceberg. Icebergs are all of land origin, and represent the seaward ends of glaciers that have calved off through the buoyancy of the sea as the glacier has flowed outwards and downwards from its gathering ground on high Arctic lands. An iceberg is built entirely of consolidated snow, but, nevertheless, has a hardness that is amply sufficient to cut the steel plates of a ship, writes R. N. Rudinosa Brown in the Manchester Guardian.

There are very few Arctic lands that have the conditions necessary for the formation of large glaciers, and virtually all the large Arctic icebergs come from the enormous ice-sheet of Greenland. Yet they are small compared with the gigantic towering bergs of the South Polar Seas, which have lengths often to be measured in miles and heights of several hundred feet above the waterline. It does not however, need a particularly large berg to threaten shipping if the weather is thick and misty, as is so often the case in the western North Atlantic, where cold and warm currents of both water and air meet. Small bergs riding low in the water may be dangerous, and bergs with projecting tongues below water are the worst of all.

Pack-ice, or field-ice as it is sometimes called, is, in contrast to berg-ice, frozen sea water. The floes of this ice may be hard enough at times, but they are relatively thin and readily disintegrate with rough seas and warm currents, so that they are rarely a menace to shipping on frequented routes.

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may be said to be four completely ice-free months, but on the Cape Race (Newfoundland)-Europe track there is none entirely free from ice. South of lat. 40 deg. N. bergs are rarely seen. The area where they congregate, break up, and melt lies east of the Grand Banks, between lat. 48 deg. and 42 deg. N., and covers an area of some 74,000 square miles.

Causes of Variation in Numbers.

The annual variation in the number of bergs and the date of their arrival has been attributed to many causes. This year again the lack of bergs has brought the question into prominence. Of course, as usual, the influence of the Gulf Stream has been invoked, but there are other causes that may be equally or more potent in this respect. The passage of the bergs begins when summer conditions in the North not only allow calving to take place from the ends of the glaciers, but also liberate the bergs that have been imprisoned in the sea-ice during the Winter. A prolonged Winter, season of firm sea-ice would prevent the usual generation of bergs. This is what normally happens in the far North of Greenland. Another possibility is involved in the suggestion that an unusual number of bergs has stranded in shallow water off the coast of Labrador and so been checked in their passage. South. This fatal to the berg could have been caused only by the coast of Labrador being singularly free from pack-ice, which in Spring and early Summer invests its coast, and there is no evidence of this having been the case, although it must be admitted that the supply of Arctic pack-ice varies considerably in different years.

Another possible explanation lies in the weakening of the Labrador current. Ocean currents certainly vary from year to year owing to changes in the intensity of atmospheric currents. A weakening of the high atmospheric pressure over the Arctic regions might reduce the outflow of water from the polar seas and so weaken the Labrador current, but our knowledge of the genesis of polar currents is not sufficient for any definite conclusions to be reached. On the other hand, a strengthening of the Gulf Stream, especially if contemporaneous with a weakening of the Labrador current, would result in warmer water off the Newfoundland Banks, and so a readier disintegration and disappearance of the bergs. Finally, there is one factor that probably is of great importance in reducing the number of bergs—that is the persistence of their course.

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BABU ENGLISH.

"Honoured Sir from Babujee", Allan, 3/6.

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"You don't remember Our Lord or think about Sir Matthew Chapter 7 Verse 6 to reply my letter but I got nothing to say to you. Only my best charity to you and yours Company."

He confides his love affairs with engaging candour: "I wish most strangely for a position with a

nice fellow what pay good salary as I wish matrimony with beautiful Scintillante maiden, and the firm for who I work not pay good salary so I cannot have matrimony with beautiful maiden and she keep strong and hearty."

The book will be a very welcome acquisition to any bed-side table and the quaint wisdom and unconscious humour of Babujee should make him friends wherever his letters are read and enjoyed.

ABSURD PLOT.

"A Feather to Fly With," by Fred Waters; Cecil Palmer, 7/6.

Improbability in the plot of a novel is always annoying and the plot of this book is absurd. The character of John West, the villain, whose machinations brought about the unhappiness of his wife and of the girl he bigamously married in order to secure money and position, and who ends up by the same death in the Thames to which he had given his black-mailing enemy, is forced and almost absurd in its drollery and none of the other puppets in the book is ever really alive.

There is a vein of sickly sentimentality which does nothing to improve the telling of the story, and the actual writing is poor.

We cannot praise either the matter or the manner of this feeble book.

AN ARAB MAIDEN.

"Yashima," by R. T. Sherwood; Benn, 7/6.

There is no accounting for taste. In the west, almost every girl from the lady of leisure to the humblest manual worker finds release from the dreariness of everyday monotony in dreaming of, or if means permit, in visiting the Orient, with its sheikhs and maidens, its colour and warmth and vivid life. But apparently human nature is always contrarious and discontented, for Yashima Abu Kera, a high-born Arab maiden, betrothed to a manly Sheik, and surrounded by all the beauty and magic of Eastern splendour and wealth, was unutterably bored with her he-man's doughty exploits and the atmosphere of moon-light, roses, and desert love, had, for her, no glamour at all. And so she decided to break away and seek ad-

venture and life in the "gorgeous west."

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Yashima's astonished comments on her reactions to the odd situations she encounters give full rein to the writer's wit, and gentle satire on the British and their customs. One reader at least found the book a good companion for a sea-voyage, and lazy afternoons.



STORIES OF ANCIENT SICILY.

SYRACUSE.

Very quiet and white, sparkling like a diamond in the golden sunshine, lies Syracuse, the famous city of Sicily.

Many races have fought for Syracuse, for in ancient times many were the envious eyes cast upon the magnificent natural harbour, and the rich land blossoming in the dim shadow of the Mountain. Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians and others strove for Syracuse, and the Greek settlers built a wonderful temple to the goddess Athena on the highest ground overlooking the sea. The fame of this temple spread far and wide. It contained great treasures, the doors were of ivory, and the statue of Athena holding her golden shield towards the sea was the land-mark which every sailor beheld with joy when returning to his native land.

Syracuse became so powerful that at last it could not be regarded as merely a Greek colony. It excited the envy of Athens, and, after many disputes, one of the greatest armadas of ancient times was sent to Syracuse. But the 30,000 soldiers and their 134 triremes — ships having three banks of oars — failed to take the city, and so a second army was sent.



A warrior of Syracuse, and an Athenian trireme. freeman and slave toiled for Syracuse. Great stones were hacked from the quarries for use as weapons, and so bravely did the Syracusans defend their city

that, after months of success and failure, Nicias, the Athenian general, decided to return to Greece.

Then an amazing thing occurred. There was an eclipse of the moon, and Nicias consulted a soothsayer concerning this omen and was advised to put off his departure till the new moon. Believing that the gods were on their side, the Syracusans now thought out an audacious plan for capturing their enemy. By night they blocked the mouth of the great harbour with a line of ships fastened together with chains, and in the morning the Greeks were so overcome with surprise that they became confused. Then began one of the strangest battles the world has ever seen. Gradually the Athenians lost heart, and at last they abandoned their fleet and tried to escape overland. But there was no hope for them; Syracuse was triumphant.

Seven thousand Greek prisoners were flung into a huge quarry, and only a few escaped in a strange fashion. Looking towards the Greeks they never expected to see again, the prisoners would recite portions of the Greek plays to which the Syracusans on top of the quarries would listen. And by night some of the young men would dangle ropes over the edges of those cruel pits and rescue Greek prisoners because they all loved Euripides the poet.

To-day the quarries are filled with gorgeous flowers, fir trees lift their tall heads almost to the tops, and all is quiet and lovely like the harbour and the ruined Greek theatre.

Athena and her golden shield have gone, but Ethna, The Mountain, is always in the distance, always lovely, always kindling fire beneath the earth.

WENDY'S LITTLE DRESSMAKERS.

A "Special Occasion" Frock.

I think you will enjoy making a "special occasion" frock like the one sketched. It really is



The "special occasion" frock, about which Dress-maker tells you to-day.

rather sweet! Use muslin, or voile, and buy about three and a

quarter to three and a half yards, according to your size.

The bodice is a simple sleeveless one, cut as shown in the upper part of Diagram A. Cut it in paper first, to be sure of getting the size right. Now cut a piece of muslin eighteen inches wide and fourteen inches long, and set this aside for the cape collar.

Finally, cut the straight, plain skirt, making it as full as the material will allow. The edge is cut into big scallops, as shown on the lower part of Diagram A. To make these scallops, fold the material evenly, lay a tea-plate along the hem, pencil round, and place the plate next to the first pencil mark, continuing thus right to the end. Cut out the scallops when all are pencilled in — and be careful to have only half scallops at the folds and the edges of the material, so that when unfolded and joined each couple of halves will form a whole scallop.

Wendy's Dressmaker.

Sew up the side seams of bodice and skirt, bind the armholes, and bind the scallop edges. Then gather the top of the skirt and join it to the bodice, regulating the fullness as evenly as possible.

And now for the cape collar! Fold the material so that it measures nine inches across and fourteen inches deep, and then cut out a paper pattern like the one shown in Diagram B. The measurements given may not quite fit you, in which case you must experiment until you get them right. Cut out the collar from the pattern, bind or hem the scallop edges and sew it to the neck of the dress.

Long ribbons tied in a bow at the throat make a pretty trimming, and you can embroider a little daisy like Diagram C between every scallop on the collar and on the hem to make the frock look still more attractive.

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"NO, IT WASN'T DEAR. I'M TO BLAME. I WAS SILLY TO GET ANGRY."

"BUT MY DEAR, YOU DIDN'T GET ANGRY! I'M ENTIRELY TO BLAME."

"NOW, ARCHIE! I SAID I WAS PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT YOU WERE AGAIN."

"I'LL CALL ON HER RIGHT NOW! KNOW IT WILL MAKE HER HAPPY."

"OH, HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY, BUT PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE."

"NOW, ARCHIE! I SAID I WAS PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT YOU WERE AGAIN."

"OH, HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY, BUT PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE."

"OH, HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY, BUT PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE."

"ROSIE, DARLING, I CALLED JUST TO TELL YOU HOW SORRY I AM THAT WE QUARRELED."

"OH, HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY, BUT PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE."

"OH, HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY, BUT PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE."

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THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

Making A Bird Feeding Box.

This little bird feeding box is intended to be hung, by means of thin rope, from the branch of a tree or some other support in the garden. The box is made from wood a quarter of an inch thick, with the exception of the two sides, which should be three-eighths of an inch thick.

Cut the front and back to the sizes given in diagram A. Mark out the shape of the opening B on each, and use your compasses

TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

The picture we drew last week shewed a man making a great effort to "lift" the letters ED. This must have suggested to you the word "lifted" which was hidden in the puzzle. Full solution:

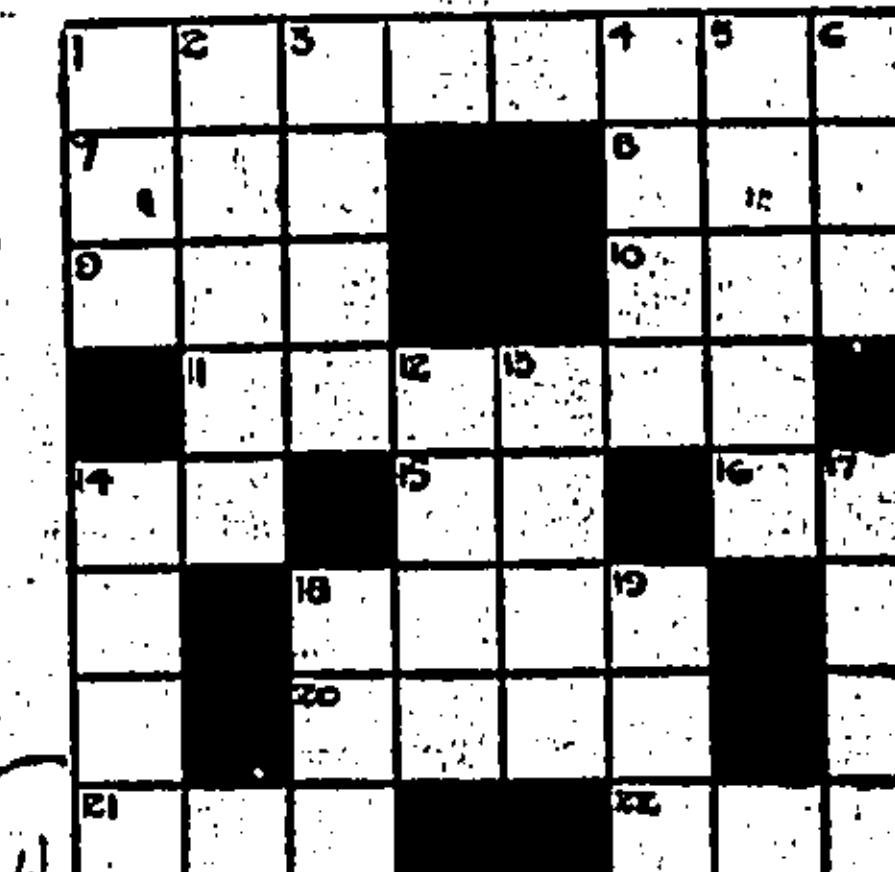
Across.

1. Gone by (Ago).
4. Girl's name (Ida).
7. Animals with long necks (Giraffes).
8. Conjunction (Or).
9. Exclamation of query ((Eh)).
10. Hidden word (Lifted).
16. Pack (Stow).
18. Possessive pronoun (Its).
20. Girl's name (Eve).
22. French coin (So).
23. To free (Rid).
24. Land, buildings, etc. (Premises).

Down.

1. Same, as 1 across (Ago).
2. Young woman (Girl).
3. Same-as-8-across (Or).
4. Whether (If).
5. Action (Deed).
6. Remains of a fire (Ash).
11. Publish (Issue).
12. Twelve inches (abbreviated) (Ft.).
13. Preposition (To).
14. Water pitchers (Ewers).
15. Will-o'-the (Wisp).
17. Whims (Fads).
19. Rocky peak (Tor).
21. Contend (Vie).

This week you see a donkey and some letters. You will soon decide which ordinary word this picture is intended to represent. To help you a little, the hidden word means "to estimate."



what word does this suggest to you?

Clues:

Across.

1. Schoolboys and schoolgirls.
7. Part of verb "to be."
8. Little bed.
9. Wild beast's home.
10. Playing.
11. Hidden word.
14. Part of verb "to be."
15. Animal.
16. As far as.
18. Flower.
20. To measure.
21. Used in geography lessons.
22. Conflict.

Down.

1. Not happy.
2. Best part of milk.
3. Birds.
4. Playing a part.
5. Fool's sleeping quarters.
6. Pig's home.
12. Painful.
13. Way out.
14. Smallest particle.
17. Above.
18. Little mischievous sprite.
19. Stitch.

for setting out the curved top. Cut out the openings with a padsaw, and smooth the edges with glasspaper.

The sides are six inches wide and five and a half inches high. With your plane, bevel the top edge of each, as shown at C, to the same angle as the sloping top part of the front and back. Nail sides, back and front together; then nail on the baseboard, which is sixteen inches long and seven inches wide. The little house must be fixed in the middle, so that an equal amount projects in front of each opening.

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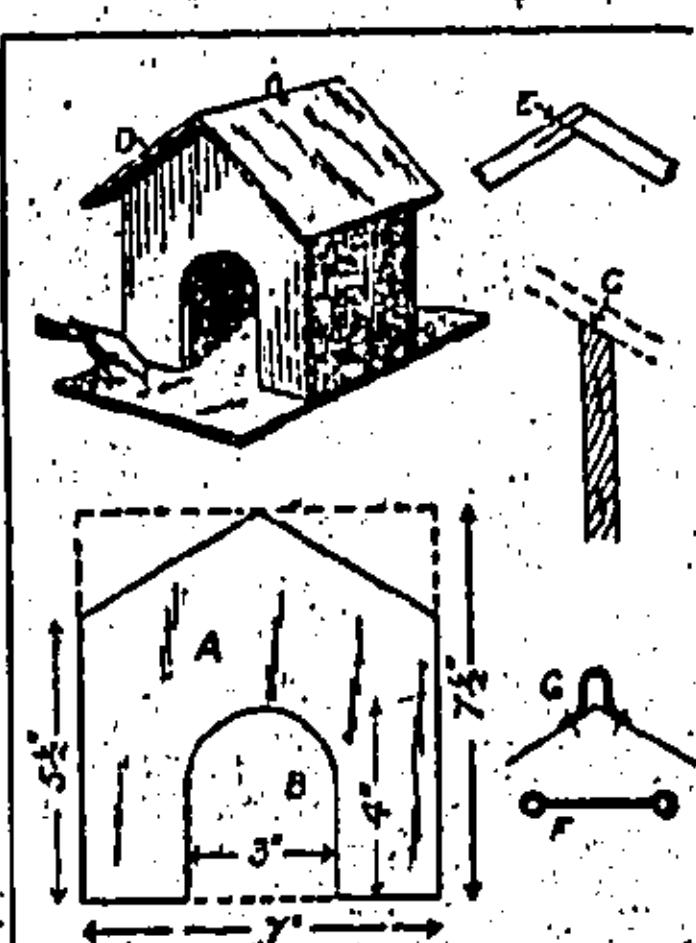
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wood nine inches wide, one piece five inches long and the other four and three-quarter inches long. Nail on the shorter piece D, then plane the top edge at an angle as shown at E, so that the other part of the roof fits nicely in place. The top edge of this must also be planed at an angle as shown, after it is nailed on.

Obtain a four-inch length of thick brass or iron wire and, with a pair of round-nose pliers, form an eye at each end as shown at F. Now bend the wire to the shape shown at G, and screw it across the top of the roof, as shown in the first diagram.

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HABEAS CORPUS CASE.

Assurance Asked of the Crown.

STIFF LEGAL BATTLE.

Considerable discussion followed an application in respect of a writ of *habeas corpus* which came before the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge, sitting together, in the Supreme Court yesterday.

The two applicants, natives of Annam, are asking for an order that such a writ be issued.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, appearing for applicants, at a previous hearing, said that the Police claimed the pair were revolutionaries, acting against the Government of Indo-China. If there were an offence, it was political and the Indo-China Government could not demand their extradition. He alleged that an attempt was being made to let the French Government have them under the guise of deportation.

Request Refused?

Mr. Jenkin stated at the outset that applicants were not in Court. He had asked that they should be brought there, but the Attorney-General had refused his request.

The Attorney-General said that the application had only been made a few minutes before. The order

was not in such a form that the applicants' presence was required. Such an application could have been made at any time during the previous fortnight.

Some discussion ensued upon the steps necessary to get the applicants to Court. Mr. Jenkin explaining that his reason for asking was that he might have to ask for further instructions if certain witnesses were called.

The Attorney-General said he was there to show cause why applicants should not be brought up. The situation was an embarrassing one.

History of the Case.

Later, after it had been indicated that the applicants would be sent for, Mr. Alabaster went into the history of the case, dealing first with the male applicant. After arrest on June 12, various other warrants were issued weekly, authorising detention up to midnight on August 13. On August 12 a deportation order for ten years was made, applicant being required to leave the Colony on the s.s. *Algiers* on August 18.

As regards the female applicant, similar warrants were served, but the deportation order did not specify any ship. She could leave any way she chose. Applicants were examined in the usual manner whilst in Victoria Gaol.

Mr. Alabaster went on to discuss the legal aspect of the matter in detail.

Mr. Jenkin asked for an assurance from the Attorney-General that the present order would not be carried into effect until its validity had been established.

Affidavits Read.

The Attorney-General replied that he had no instructions from the Government to give any such assurance, but he would endeavour to secure the presence of applicants until after judgment on the present hearing had been delivered.

Later the affidavit of the male applicant was read. An allegation that "a uniformed foreigner" apparently an official of the Indo-China Government, was watching him one day in the gaol, was denied by the affidavit of the prisons superintendent. Applicant concluded by saying that if he were deported to Indo-China he would be killed, either with or without trial.

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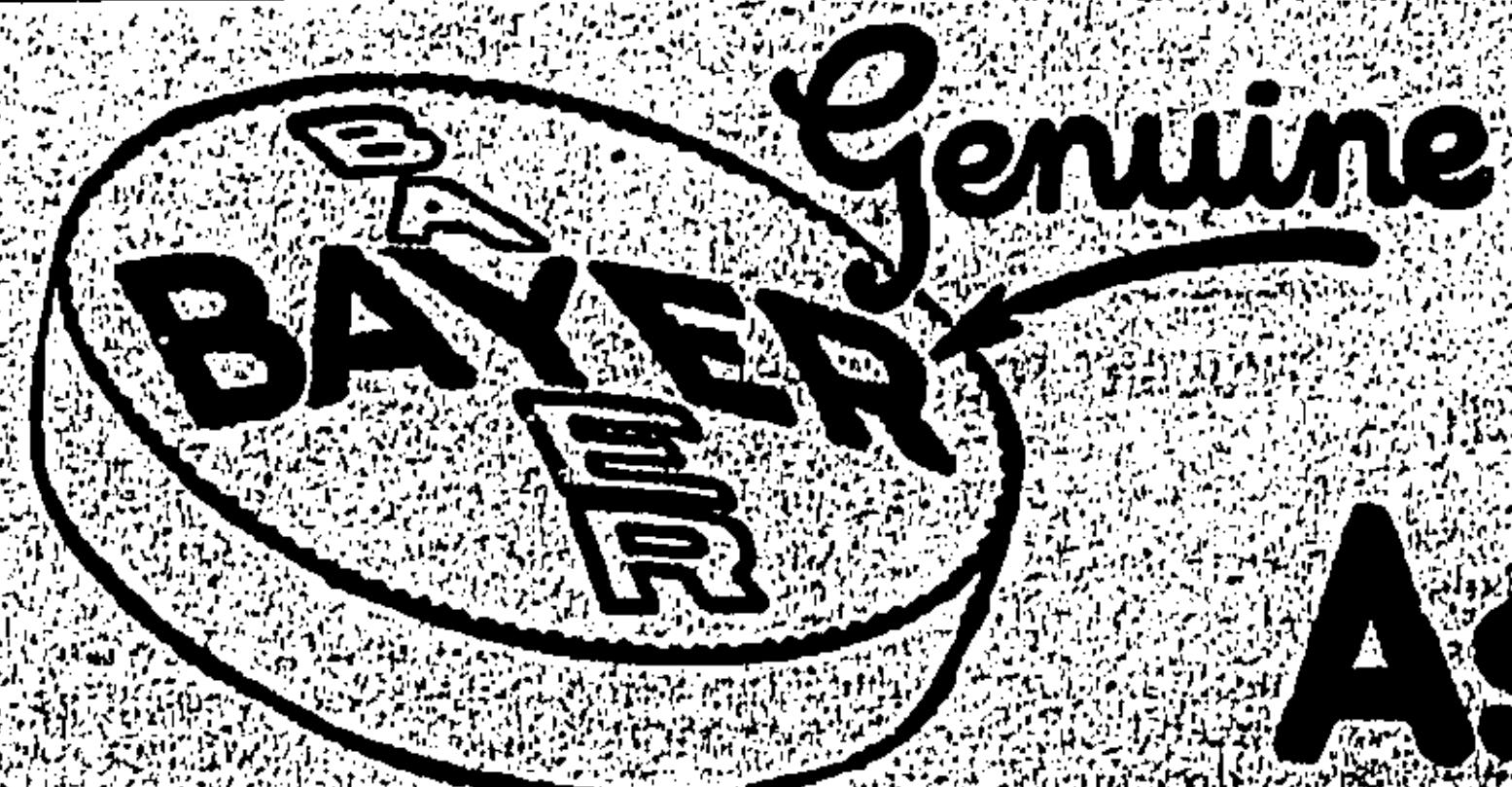
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